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SUBJ: IRAN-IRAQ TALKS

1. DURING AUDIENCE WITH SHAH ON OTHER MATTERS JULY 12, I ASKED HOW RECENTLY CONCLUDED IRAN-IRAQ TALKS HAD GONE. SHAH SAID IRAQI DELEGATION HAD BEEN EXTREMELY POLITE AND HAD EXPRESSED ALL RIGHT VOWS OF FRIENDSHIP.

2. ONLY SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT, IN HIS JUDGMENT, WAS IRAQ REQUEST THAT IRAN REFRAIN FROM CONCLUDING ANY AGREEMENTS ON LIMITS OF OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AREAS WITH OTHER STATES IN PERSIAN GULF. SHAH ASSUMED THIS REQUEST WAS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TOWARDS IRANIAN RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT.

3. HE SAID HIS ASSUMPTION WAS CONFIRMED BY TALK HE HAD WITH KUWAIT AMBASSADOR JULY 11. (AMBASSADOR RETURNED JULY 9 FROM QUICK CONSULTATIONS IN KUWAIT.) AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD SHAH THAT REPORTS OF IRAQ-KUWAIT BORDER AGREEMENT

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WERE ALL FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. IN ACTUAL PRACTICE, NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MADE.

4. INSTEAD, KUWAITI REPORTED THAT IRAQIS HAD SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME IN LECTURING KUWAITIS ON VIRTUES OF BA'ATH AND THE GOAL OF ARAB UNITY. (THIS IS, NATURALLY, ANATHEMA TO SHAH.)

5. SINCE HE WAS DISCUSSING MARITIME BOUNDARIES IN PERSIAN GULF, I ASKED SHAH ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT OMANI DECLARATION OF 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. SHAH SAID THAT WAS STRICTLY FOR OMANI INTEREST "OUTSIDE THE GULF". WITHIN THE GULF, HE HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH OMAN THAT THEIR WATERS WOULD BE DIVIDED AT MID#-)

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